

# SENATE BILL 124

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Flag Display on State House Grounds – Honor and Remember and POW/MIA**  
3 **Flags**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Honor and Remember flag be flown on the State  
5 House grounds on certain days each year; altering the days on which the  
6 POW/MIA flag is to be flown on State House grounds; requiring the State House  
7 Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and  
8 Remember flag will be flown; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
9 the display of the Honor and Remember and POW/MIA flags on the State House  
10 grounds.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 13–205  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Government**

19 13–205.

20 (a) **(1)** In this section[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
21 **INDICATED.**

22 **(2)** “POW/MIA flag” means the POW/MIA flag of the National League  
23 of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) “HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG” MEANS THE HONOR AND**  
2 **REMEMBER FLAG CREATED BY HONOR AND REMEMBER, INC., AND**  
3 **DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL TO**  
4 **RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED IN THE**  
5 **LINE OF DUTY.**

6           (b) Each year, the POW/MIA flag **AND THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG**  
7 shall be flown on the State House grounds on:

8           **(1) THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY, FOR ARMED FORCES DAY;**

9           **(2) May 30, for Memorial Day;**

10           **[(2)] (3)** the day that the United States Congress designates for the  
11 observance of Memorial Day if other than May 30;

12           **[(3)] (4)** the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to May 30, unless  
13 the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Memorial  
14 Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day designated by  
15 the United States Congress;

16           **(5) JULY 4, FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY;**

17           **[(4)] (6)** the third Friday in September, for POW/MIA Recognition  
18 Day;

19           **[(5)] (7)** November 11, for Veterans’ Day;

20           **[(6)] (8)** the day that the United States Congress designates for the  
21 observance of Veterans’ Day if other than November 11; and

22           **[(7)] (9)** the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to November 11,  
23 unless the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of  
24 Veterans’ Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day  
25 designated by the United States Congress.

26           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State House Trust  
27 shall determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and Remember  
28 flag will be flown as required by § 13–205 of the State Government Article, as enacted  
29 by Section 1 of this Act.

30           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 2011.